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Free SBA Online Courses

Wyoming - What do you do when you have an idea for starting a new business? In the comfort of your home, go to Small Business Administration's website at http://www.sba.gov/training/onlinecourses/index.html. The listed courses are free, self-paced, audio courses that take 30 to 45 minutes each. Most of the courses start out with a short online registration which will take less than a minute to complete; at the end of each course you will find a Certificate of Completion to personalize and print.

Courses offered:

- Starting A Business, gives an understanding about the basics of starting a small business;
- Business Planning, teaches basics of writing a business plan;
- Business Management, gives an understanding of planning, coordination and growth strategies a business must develop;
- Finance and Accounting teaches skills to manage money, estimate costs and cash flow;
- Marketing and Advertising is a must for every business to become known;
- Government Contracting covers how to go about getting a government contract;
- Small Business Retirement covers how to plan for retirement;
- E-Commerce teaches how to build a website and keep up with growing technologies;
- International Trade helps with understanding exporting opportunities;
- Federal Tax Training goes over tax requirements.

For further information or questions, please call SBA's Sharon Nichols at 307-261-6508 or email sharon.nichols@sba.gov. For information specific to Wyoming small business, you can visit our website at http://www.sba.gov/wy.

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For more information about SBA's programs for small businesses, call (307) 261-6500 or TDY (307) 261-6527 or visit the SBA's extensive Web site at <u>www.sba.gov/wy</u>